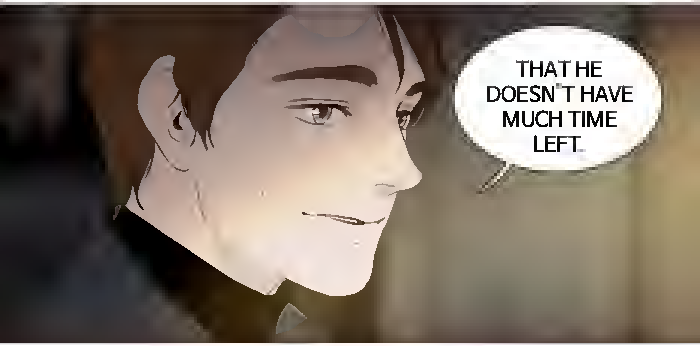
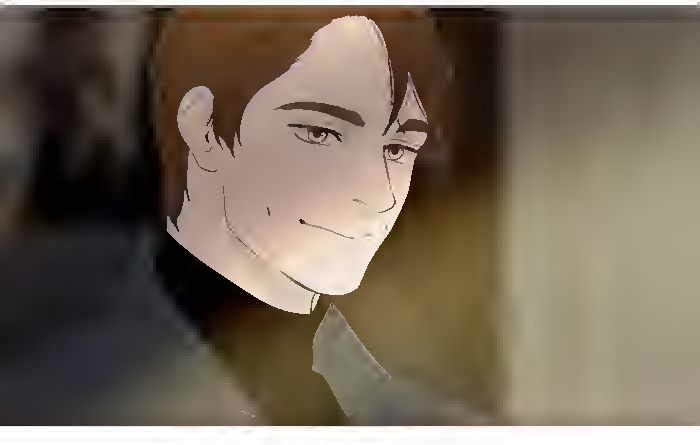
AT
THAT POINT,
EVEN HE MUST
REALIZE



BY THE WAY, WHY DID YOU ASK ME TO MEET TODAY?
I CAN'T STAND THAT LOOK ON HIS FACE.

WE WANTED
TO MEET YOU TO FIND
OUT WHAT YOUR PLAN
TO SAVE WINTER IS.

MY
PLAN...



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WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BOAT AND GO INLAND.
WE'RE GOING TO THE PLACE WHERE WINTER WAS FIRST CREATED.
I CAN'T TELL YOU EXACTLY WHERE THAT IS.

IF YOU TELL ME YOUR SCHEDULE FIRST, I'LL DECIDE WHEN WE LEAVE.

AS YOU SAID, WINTER DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME NOW.
I'D LIKE HIM TO LEAVE QUICKLY, AS SOON AS HE GETS HIS ID.
SSK
ARE WE STILL WAITING ON THE ID?

IT'S ALMOST READY.
MY IDS ARE NOT EASY TO MAKE.
THAT'S ALSO WHY THEY'RE SAFE.
STILL, WE'RE TOO SHORT ON TIME.

THERE STILL SOMETHING LEFT TO DO AT THE LAB?
...THERE'S SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO DO RIGHT BEFORE WINTER LEAVES WITH YOU.
WHAT IS IT?

THERE ARE TWO SETS OF DATA ABOUT WINTER AT OUR LAB.

ONE IS ON THE COMPUTER,
THE OTHER IS IN THE UNDERGROUND DOCUMENT STORAGE ROOM.

WE MAY BE ABLE TO JUST DELETE THE COMPUTER DATA BUT WE'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF THE PAPER COPIES OURSELVES.
THAT WAY WINTER CAN ESCAPE FROM THE LAB COMPLETELY.

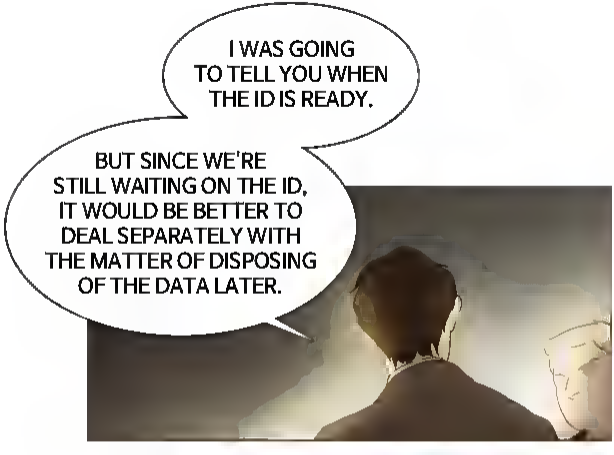
BUT IF
WE DO THAT
RIGHT NOW,

THEN THE
LAB WILL REALLY
NEED WINTER.

SO OUR PLAN IS TO DESTROY BOTH SETS OF DATA ON THE DAY THAT WINTER GETS HIS ID.
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME YOU AND WINTER LEAVE HERE.

BUT HUBERT, THE SECURITY ON THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE ROOM IS REALLY TIGHT, PLUS HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET ALL OF THOSE DOCUMENTS OUT OF THERE?
WE'RE NOT.
WE'RE GOING TO BURN THEM RIGHT THERE.
WHAT?!

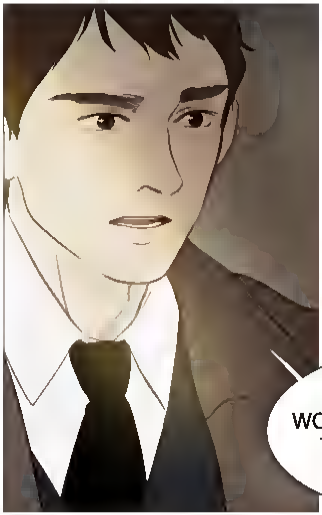
BUT
THE FIREWALL
WILL ACTIVATE
AUTOMATICALLY
IF A FLAME IS
DETECTED.
WE CAN
OPEN IT FROM
THE OUTSIDE.
SO WE HAVE
TO GET OUR HANDS
ON SOMEONE'S ID CARD
THAT CAN OPEN
THE DOOR.
WHEW...
WHY ARE YOU
ONLY MENTIONING
THIS NOW?!

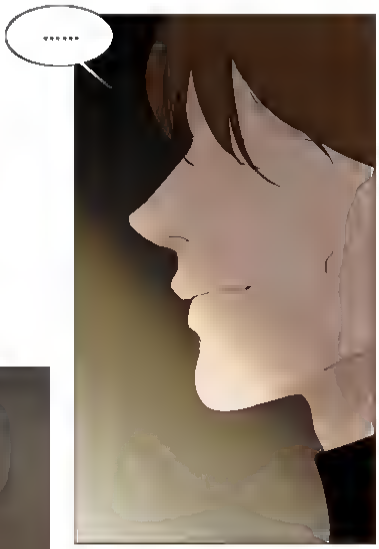

I WAS GOING TO TELL YOU WHEN THE ID IS READY.
BUT SINCE WE'RE STILL WAITING ON THE ID, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DEAL SEPARATELY WITH THE MATTER OF DISPOSING OF THE DATA LATER.

BUT WINTER MIGHT SAY
THAT HE WON T LEAVE
WHAT?
HUH?

DIDN'T I TELL YOU BEFORE?
IT'S WINTER'S CHOICE.
IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHAT HE CHOOSES.

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TALKING ABOU—
SSK
..DID WINTER SAY THAT?
THAT HE DOESN'T WANT TO LEAVE?


IF HE DOES,
WOULD YOU BE UNABLE
TO PERSUADE HIM
TO LEAVE?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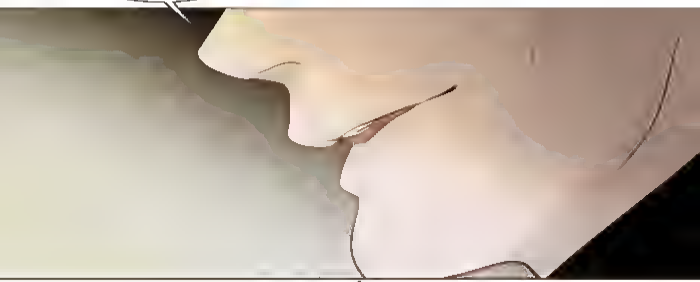
WHY?
YOU WANT TO FORCE WINTER TO DO WHAT YOU WANT?

ARE WE SUPPOSED TO JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE IF HE CHOOSES DEATH?
WE AREN'T DOING ALL OF THIS JUST SO THAT WE CAN WATCH HIM DIE.

AH, SO YOU'LL KEEP WINTER ALIVE BY FORCE IF YOU HAVE TO?



WHO WANTS THAT?

WINTER?

OR YOU DAMNED RESEARCHERS?

DAMNED RESEARCHERS ..?!
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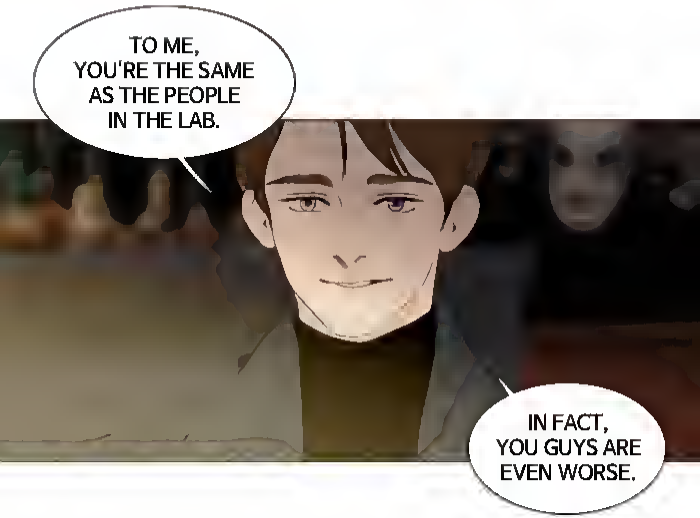
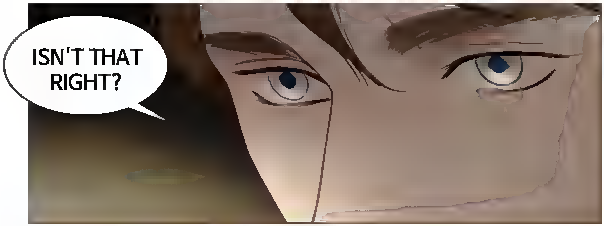

TO ME, YOU'RE THE SAME AS THE PEOPLE IN THE LAB.
IN FACT, YOU GUYS ARE EVEN WORSE.

YOU TALK WITH HYPOCRISY OF PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF YOUR TEST SUBJECT,
BUT YOU ACTUALLY WANT TO COVER UP YOUR PREVIOUS CRIMES BY SAVING WINTER'S LIFE.


ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

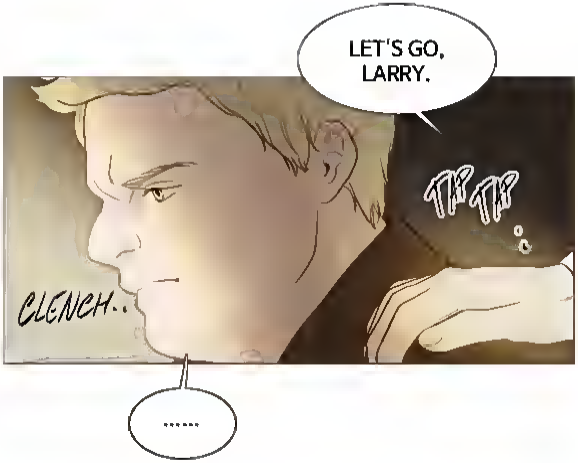
THAT-
CLENCH
...YES.
YOU'RE RIGHT.

WE WON'T INTERFERE IN WINTER'S CHOICE.
THAT SEEMS TO BE THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
H-HUBERT!
HOW CAN YOU BE SWAYED BY THAT MURDERER AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!

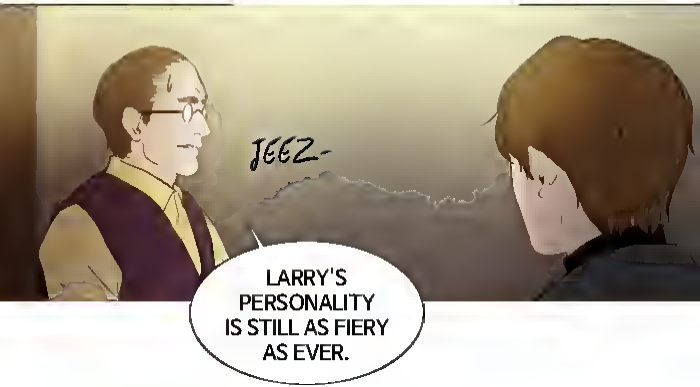
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS MAKE SURE THAT OUR PLAN GOES OFF WITHOUT A HITCH.
BESIDES, WHY WOULD WINTER CHOOSE DEATH UNLESS HE WERE INSANE?

YOU..!!!

THAT S ENOUGH, YOU TWO.
I THINK WE VE TALKED ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
DRR
PLEASE CALL ME WHEN YOU KNOW FOR SURE WHEN THE ID WILL BE READY.



DING...


JEEZ-
LARRY'S PERSONALITY IS STILL AS FIERY AS EVER.

HE'S JUST
A LOUDMOUTHED
USELESS LOWLIFE

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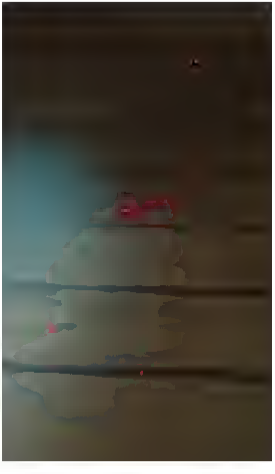
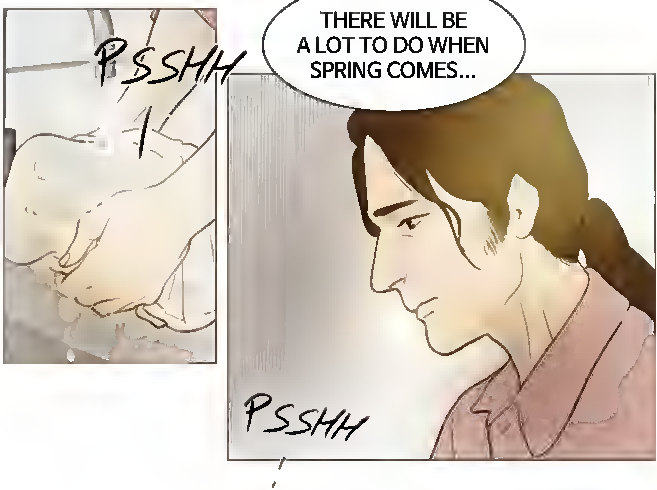


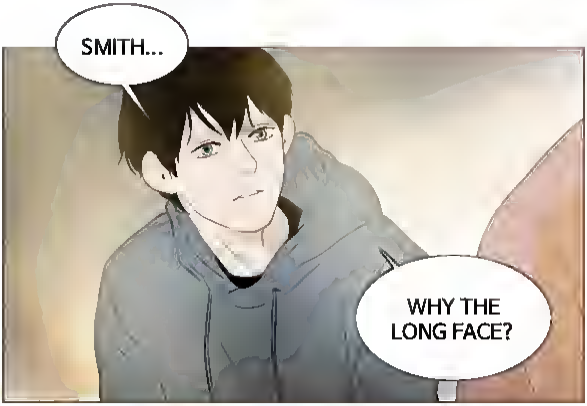
THIS IS ALREADY THE SECOND TIME.

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME TODAY ALONE THAT I'M BLEEDING.
AM I REALLY OKAY?


PSSHH
THERE WILL BE A LOT TO DO WHEN SPRING COMES...
PSSHH

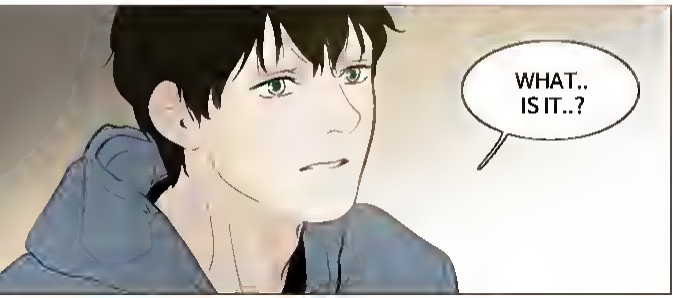
I'LL
GET BETTER
BEFORE THEN,
WON'T I?

.....
STEP
STEP


SMITH...
WHY THE LONG FACE?

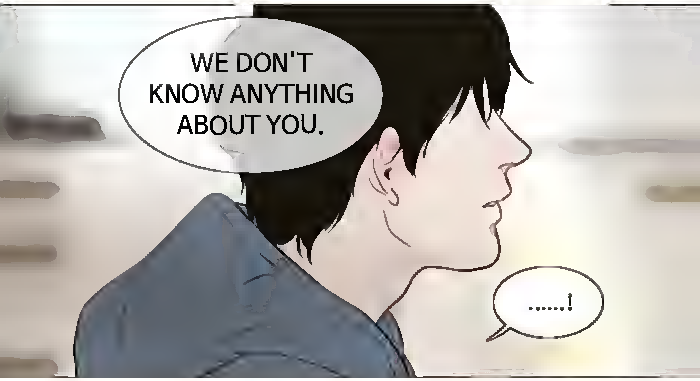
I'M GOING TO GET BETTER
YOU SAID YOU AND HUBERT WOULD HELP ME
IT MAY BE A BIT PAINFUL NOW BUT IF I WAIT, YOU'LL FIX ME FOR SURE

WINTER,
THERE'S SOMETHING
THAT I HAVE TO
TELL YOU.


WHAT..
IS IT..?

WHEN THEY FIRST FOUND YOU IN GERMANY, ALL OF THE RESEARCHERS WERE ECSTATIC.
THEY THOUGHT THAT THEY HAD FOUND THE KEY TO IMMORTALITY.

WHICH IS WHY
EVEN NOW...


WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU.
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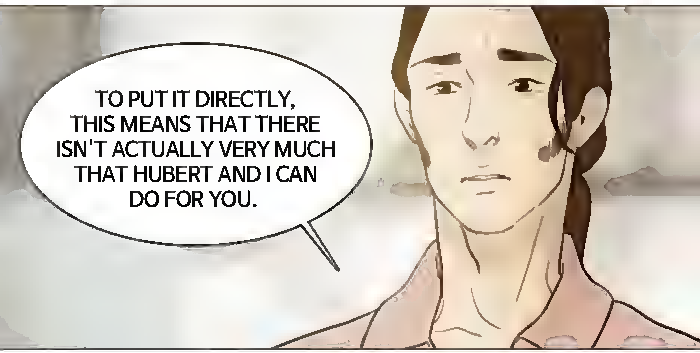
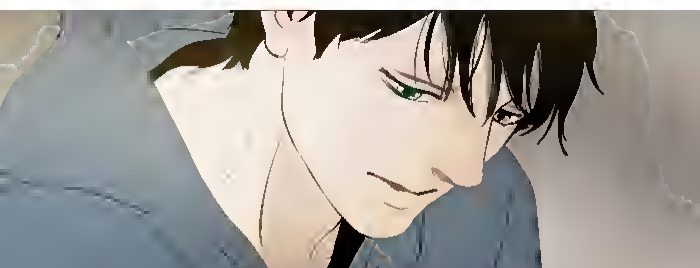

TO PUT IT DIRECTLY, THIS MEANS THAT THERE ISN'T ACTUALLY VERY MUCH THAT HUBERT AND I CAN DO FOR YOU.

MAYBE ALL WE CAN DO IS GIVE YOU A CHANCE AND PATH TO ESCAPE,
AS WELL AS SEVERING YOUR TIES WITH THE LAB.
WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR LIFE...



I'M
SORRY...

LINE Webtoon